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After some consultation the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and appended the following rider: "We consider that the owner, contractor, and foreman are guilty of gross negligence in not having carried out the instructions of the Government Inspector as to the use of fire-bolts between the beams, and that if the Government Inspector's visits were more frequent or more careful, there would be less accidents."

His Worship asked the jury whether they meant more frequent or more careful visits than those directed by the ordinance.

The Foreman said they did.

His Worship asked him if they wished him to record that expression of opinion.

The Foreman replied they did.

His Worship said he would forward the rider, but at the same time he would consider it his duty to state that he did not consider it his duty to record that expression of opinion.

The jury then retired, and the Foreman showed that there had been a reasonable amount of inspection and the building had been repeatedly examined as to the stones he used. It could only be expected that there would be a reasonable amount of inspection.

The Foreman said he hoped to be allowed to say that was a matter of opinion.

His Worship said it was so, and the jury were quite competent to form their opinion, but he should feel it his duty to state that he did not consider with the opinion expressed in the rider appended to the verdict.

BRITISH CHARTERED CRUISERS IN HONGKONG.

One of the vessels chartered by the English Government in view of the Anglo-Russian completion arrived here from London on the 10th April, and took up her berth in the harbor of Hong Kong. She is the *Penelope Castle*, a splendid steamer of 4000 tons, which has been taken from the Cape Mail Service (Messrs. Dunsen & Co.) and is now being chartered by the Admiralty. She is now lying at the anchorage of the Admiralty, and is awaiting the orders of the Naval authorities. She came from London, with no cargo, under the flag of the Royal Naval Reserve, and on the 10th April, she was painted the number 11 in large figures, which signify that the Naval authorities she is known as Transport No. 11. She is a fourteen knot vessel, built at a place which improves upon the usual speed of a ship of her class, and is a fast and powerful vessel. She is a fast and powerful vessel, and is a fast and powerful vessel.

EVENTS IN NORTH FORMOSA.

Our last report of the arrival of the *Swift*, but owing to the unsettled state of affairs consequent on the news brought on by her there was no time to write up "events." Soon after the *Swift* entered the harbor, it became known that the French had been generally known that Captain Beller to leave Tamsui and its affairs to take care of themselves, and to proceed to Hong Kong. A circular was sent round to the residents stating that the *Swift* would take any persons of leaving; and Captain Beller, anticipating a happy release from his present awkward position, expressed also his willingness to take on board the *Swift* any residents who cared to leave in her for Hong Kong. The idea that Tamsui merchants were to be left without the protection of a naval force here was extremely startling and for a time the French could be securely realized. The *Swift* was directed to leave early to-morrow and all those ready to go by her were given to understand that they must be ready by half-past seven in the morning. If there was no room in the foreign boats, pilot boats must be engaged, &c. We may repeat that for some weeks past the Chinese authorities have been laying down split bamboo baskets of a circular shape, each about four to five feet in diameter, full of large stones, right across the narrowest part of the entrance of the river, blocking it up almost entirely, so much so that cargo boats even and galleys could only pass by the narrowest of the gap, and only after certain narrow channels, and only after certain narrow channels, and only after certain narrow channels.

POOCHOW SPRING RACES.

On the night of the 13th, a fair in sheets the register showing in the morning 1,100 horses, and as the morning was wet and gloomy the Stewards postponed the races for a day, and will wait for the weather to clear up. The races were held on the 14th, and were a success. The races were held on the 14th, and were a success. The races were held on the 14th, and were a success.

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